

City of Klawock, Alaska

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**City of Klawock, Alaska
Resolution 03-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KLAWOOCK CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING
MANDATORY BOROUGHIZATION, UNIFICATION, OR CONSOLIDATION ON
PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND.**

WHEREAS, the Klawock City Council is the governing body of the City of Klawock; and

WHEREAS, the community of residents in the City of Klawock is culturally distinct and unique among the communities on Prince of Wales Island; and

WHEREAS, the City of Klawock has a rich cultural heritage, tradition, and identity; and

WHEREAS, THE City of Klawock, native organizations and residents within the community seek to preserve the cultural identity, traditions and heritage of Klawock; and

WHEREAS, mandated boroughization, unification, or consolidation adversely affects economic well being of the City of Klawock and threatens the preservation of its identity, cultural heritage and traditions; and

WHEREAS, the current effort of the Local Boundary Commission to prepare and submit a report on mandated boroughization to the State Legislature has not provided adequate opportunity for input by local residents and local governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the data and information upon which the Local Boundary Commission bases its report is arguably outdated, inaccurate, and incomplete; and

WHEREAS, the Klawock City Council supports the American Association of School Boards and the Klawock City School Board in opposing mandated mandated boroughization because it is contrary to local governance, values and priorities; and

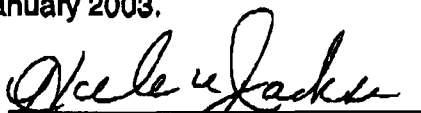
WHEREAS, mandatory boroughization, however well intended, is ill conceived in that it reverses a decades long trend toward increased local responsibility and control by encouraging the elimination of small REAA districts and small city districts and reduces the existing level of local control; and

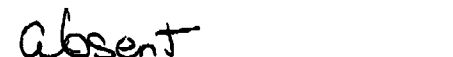
WHEREAS, mandatory boroughization ignores the economic reality of the lack of an adequate tax base on Prince of Wales Island to fund local education consistent with local values and priorities.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Klawock City Council opposes mandated boroughization, unification or consolidation on Prince of Wales Island.

Passed and Approved this 21st day of January 2003.

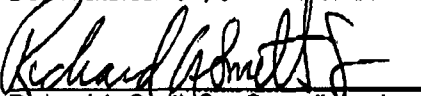

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